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Regarding our US patent application, we hereby submit an Information Disclosure Statement as follows:

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1601 Protection and Control System applying Intranet Technology-Concept

1. Introduction

Under the recent trend of large scaled and complicated power system, cost reduction in the protection and control system and efficient operation of equipment has been increasingly demanded. In the meantime, recent years, information system utilizing Internet Technology have been highly advanced at a high speed.

This article proposes a new protection and control system to which Internet and Intranet Technology is applied.

In the proposed system, a general-purpose and standard information communication technology is applied to protection and control apparatus distributed and arranged in wide area of power system. The protection and control apparatus, Web server and browser disposed in the control station and office are combined on the communication network, and transfer, processing and edition of the information between them can be performed flexibly as is described in the Power Intranet concept in the Document 1). As a result of such arrangement, it becomes easy to establish the system and operation efficiency is also improved.



1602 Protection and Control System applying Intranet Technology-Architecture

1. Introduction

It seems that in the future the general-purpose network represented by Internet will play a main role in the entire society. We've developed a NCU (Network Computing Unit) substrate having the Network computing function for a built-in control device such as relay by applying the Internet technology to the protection and control system, and basic software for the NCU. We hereby report them as follows.

2. The characteristics of protection and control system applying Intranet technology-architecture

We have developed hardware and basic software capable of constituting the protection and control system of power system characterized in that:

- (1) Substation equipment such as digital relay can be easily connected to the general-purpose network;
- (2) System information can be collected by Intranet, displayed and operated by the general-purpose web browser; and
- (3) Required function can be fetched in through the network whenever required.

It is considered that especially the item (3) is useful and advantageous in the aspect of cost for built-in control device, such as digital relay of limited hardware resources.

1603 Protection and Control System applying Intranet Technology-Application

1. Introduction

Recently, information system has been rapidly progressed due to Internet technology. Meanwhile, still further cost reduction of the system has been increasingly demanded by utilizing efficiently information of protection and control system of power system.

We have manufactured on the trial basis the protection and control system provided with the network computing function by applying the Internet technology to the protection and control system distributed and arranged in wide area. We explain the system as follows.

2. System arrangement of trial manufacture

Fig. 1 shows the appearance of the system that has been manufactured on the trial basis this time.

In order to verify the representative function of substation, in this system, three kinds of equipment for three substations (transmission line protection and control equipment, transformer protection and control equipment, and bus communication protection and control equipment) have been tried to manufacture. These three kinds of equipment have been connected to one server and eight browsers through Esther net LAN.

(5) Mobile Agent

The following three models have been studied and arranged:

-Inspecting agent: This agent conducts moving inspection in substitution for man between one device and another to inspect the state of plural devices.

-Settling agent: This agent conducts settling of plural devices all at once, or stays at any device to watch a system state, and after confirming any change in the system state, moves to other device and change the settling value. (applicable to adaptive relay)

-Analyzing agent: This agent moves between one device and another when any accident has occurred, and collects necessary data. Fig. 4 shows the movement of the inspecting agent.

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